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Axe threat to libraries and bus services

Report by **Henry James**

LIBRARIES and bus services in West Lancashire could be threatened with the axe as Lancashire County Council looks to save £65 million over the next two years.

Proposals due to go before the county's cabinet tomorrow (Thursday, November 26) include the withdrawal of funding for all subsidised bus services to save £7.5 million annually and reducing the county's library network from 74 to just 34 with an estimated saving of around £7million.

The proposals – which could also see more than 350 jobs lost – follow the announcement in August that the council will need to save an additional £262m by April 2020 to tackle a funding gap caused by reduced government funding and rising demand for services.

Currently there are five libraries within West Lancashire at Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Burscough, Up Holland and Parbold.

Although county council officials have not disclosed which libraries are under threat it is proposed to close 40 of the existing branches with one each of the remainder to be allocated to 34 'service planning areas' including Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Newburgh and West Lancashire West.

That would mean that at least two and possibly three of the borough's current libraries could be earmarked for closure.

Meanwhile, the proposal to withdraw funding for bus services could affect some routes in the borough and the county council has already written to borough and parish councils, along with community groups across Lancashire, asking if they would be interested in running their own services (See Page 2).

Leader of Lancashire County Council, County

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NORMANDY VETERAN AWARDED FRANCE'S HIGHEST HONOUR

Jim's role in D–Day landings recognised seven decades later

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A NORMANDY veteran from West Lancashire has been awarded France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honour (Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur) in recognition of his role in helping to liberate the country more than 70 years ago.

Great–grandfather Jim Hornby, 91, from Whalley Drive, Town Green, Aughton, has been honoured with the prestigious award – first established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 – for his bravery during the D–Day landings in the Second World War.

The French government announced last year that it intended to recognise the selfless acts of heroism displayed by all surviving veterans of the Normandy landings, and of the wider campaigns to liberate France in 1944, by awarding them the esteemed Legion of Honour.

This included troops who landed on and fought their way up the beaches, as well as the members of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force who operated in support of the landings.

Although Jim has already received his medal, there will be a formal presentation to him and other veterans from across the region, at a ceremony in Liverpool, which is expected to take place in the New Year.

Called up in 1943 at the age of 18, Jim joined the Lancashire Fusiliers.

As he is hard of hearing these days, his daughter, Christine Parker, took up the story.

She told the Champion: "A few days before D–Day dad's division was sent to Aldershot to serve in what was called the Reinforcement Holding Unit (RHU). The idea was that assault troops would go in first and they would hold back and if a regiment suffered bad casualties they would then fill in the gap.

"They travelled to Newhaven then crossed the Channel overnight landing behind the first wave of troops on Gold Beach."

Jim and his colleagues came under fire on the landing craft and on the beach and Jim sustained a shrapnel wound in his leg.

He was taken to the field hospital and by the time he returned the RHU had been disbanded so he rejoined his comrades in the 59th Division.

Christine continued: "The breakthrough came at the Falais Gap. It was bombed by typhoon aircraft resulting in carnage and the

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Jim Hornby with his Legion d'honneur. Code1086144

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Transport chief says community bus services could be way forward

Report by **Henry James**

TRANSPORT chiefs at Lancashire County Council say they are are giving local communities in the county the opportunity to run their own bus services through parish, town and borough councils in a move which they hope will improve existing services and develop new routes.

The county council has written to other councils and community groups across Lancashire to ask whether they would be interested in running their own services, with the offer to provide a vehicle and guidance to help set it up.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Public transport tends to focus on providing services where demand is highest and as such there will always be some unmet needs where

County Councillor Fillis

people would like a bus but nobody provides a service.

"A number of parish councils around the UK operate bus services, taking advantage of the flexibility that is available to community–based services to meet specific needs in their area and keep costs low and quality high.

"Through discussion we have identified a clear demand for such a community–led service to be established and managed locally. These are very valuable services and can have added benefits by improving people's independence and bringing people in rural communities together.

"We've written to our partner councils to ask them whether this is an option they'd like to explore on behalf of their communities. Working in partnership with other councils and community organisations we feel that this can be the base for building better bus services."

The county council's letter to councils, community organisations and bus operators asks them to consider whether the proposal may be of interest, whether they think there's a demand and what support they might need to set up their own bus service.

It follows proposals by the county council to withdraw funding for all subsidised bus services in the county as part of budget cuts.

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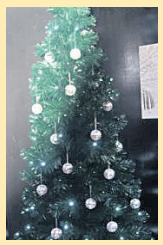

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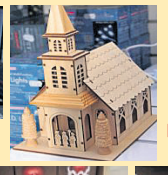

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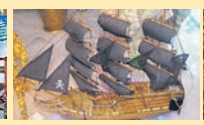

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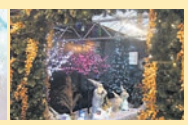

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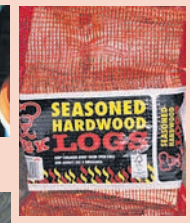

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AUGHTON Male Voice Choir are holding a series of festive concerts throughout December.

The choir will tell the Christmas story using traditional carols with different musical arrangements, as well as popular carols with audience participation. They will also feature several soloists at each venue.

The first concert will be held on Thursday, December 3 at Ormskirk Golf Club. Tickets, priced £5, are available at the club.

This will be followed by a concert on Friday, December 18 at St Luke's Church, Formby in aid of the North West Air Ambulance.

Tickets, priced £5 including mulled wine and mince pies, are available from Formby Rotary Club or on the door.

And on Monday, December 21 the choir will perform their annual concert at Aughton Village Hall.

Tickets for this cost £7 and there are only a limited number left.

To buy one contact the choir via their website at www.aughtonmvc.co.uk

All the concerts start at 7.30pm.

Church Open Garden Days raise £340 for Guide Dogs charity

MEMBERS of Mere Brow Methodist Church have raised £340 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

The money – the proceeds of their Open Garden Days – was presented by fundraisers Joan Holcroft, Joan Lawson, Joan Hunter and Dorothy Walsh to puppy walkers, John Wells and Yvonne Onslow from the national charity.

Parish council fund for events to mark canal bi–centenary

BURSCOUGH Parish Council are inviting applications to a £10,000 community fund to help local organisations take part in the celebrations planned for next year to mark the bi–centenary of the completion of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Among events being organised throughout West Lancashire are a Burscough Heritage Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19 and celebrations to mark the actual completion date in October when HMS Kennet will arrive in the village along with a flotilla of boats.

Burscough Heritage Group, the H &R Ainscough Barge Restoration Project and the Wharf have all started planning the events but are keen for as many businesses and organisations as possible join in.

The parish council supporting the initative by allocating £10,000 towards the costs of the celebrations, part on which will be awarded as grants to organisations to help them meet costs incurred in getting involved.

Tom Spencer, chairman of Burscough Heritage Group, said: "I would also like to hear from business owners and other organisations about how they would like to get involved in the Heritage Weekend.

"We hope that many pubs, clubs, shops, schools, churches, and organisations, large and small, will want to be part of the celebration, making 2016 a year that people remember for many years to come."

Applications for funding must be received by 9am, Monday, December 2 and grants will be awarded before the end of 2015.

Anyone wish to apply should email burscoughpc@btconnect.com for an application form, call Tom Spencer on 01704 893463 or send him an email at tomspencer38@hotmail.co.uk.

Flat plan

PLANS have been submitted to convert a former first–floor coffee shop and cafe on Church Street, Ormskirk into shared accommodation.

Applicant Richard Rothwell is seeking to convert the vacant second level above the Cobble coffee shop for residential use accessed from a two–storey extension to the rear and an external staircase.

The proposed flat would have three bedrooms and a communal bathroom, living room, kitchen, and storage area.

War veteran Jim awarded France's highest honour in recognition of role in D–Day landings

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following day they had to walk through bodies and dead animals. Their sergeant–major was so affected by what he saw that he was eventually discharged.

"Later the Lancashire Fusiliers were disbanded and dad joined the Welch Fusiliers fighting in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

"In Antwerp, Belgium in 1944 their division was charged with taking the docks and some of the unit commandeered a nearby home as an observation post – as they jumped over the backyard wall some of the Germans were running out of the front door!"

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During their stay the family had to live in the back rooms Jim and his colleagues used the front room. The family were short of food and Jim and others got them what they could.

And although they lost touch after the war, members of the family managed to trace Jim in 1994 and have kept in touch to this day.

After being demobbed Jim the Normandy Veterans Association in Southport, carrying their standard until the group was forced to disband in 2010 due to dwindling numbers.

Christine concluded: "All the family feel very proud of what he did for king and country."

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Libraries and buses threatened by county cuts

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Councillor Jennifer Mein, said: "These are the most challenging times for local government in living memory as we face the combination of relentless central government cuts and rising demand for our services, particularly those serving vulnerable people.

"The reality of our financial situation is such that we will have to use the bulk of our reserves just to balance the budget over the next two years. And by 2017/18, we will only just have enough money to pay for our statutory services.

"At the same time, the government has made clear that it will make further substantial cuts to council budgets over the coming years. This continues at a time when, as the population ages, demand on many services will increase so that we'd be facing financial pressures even if the budget wasn't being reduced at all.

"The scale of the challenge means that we will have to make ever–more difficult decisions. We will do all that we can, and are targeting our resources towards those with the greatest need, but we will have to reduce or stop services and people will notice the difference. Our priority will remain to protect the most vulnerable people in communities across Lancashire.

"Regrettably I'm also no longer confident we can reduce our workforce as much as we need to on a purely voluntary basis."

Deputy leader David Borrow, who is also the cabinet member with responsibility for finance, added: "It is impossible to overstate the seriousness of our financial situation.

"Prudent financial management has enabled the council to build up significant reserves, that is money we can call on to cover unexpected events. The scale of the savings we have to make means that we will have to use almost all of that money just to balance the books. And we know that we will still face a shortfall of £56m in 2018/19."

Among the proposals to go before the cabinet tomorrow are:

• Removing funding for all subsidised bus services, to save £7.5m per year.

• Reducing the county council's library network from 74 libraries to 34, to save circa £7m.

• Removing the subsidy for discretionary denominational transport.

• Reducing the Highways budget by £2.8m.

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Grants available for crime–fighting projects

GRANTS of up to six figures to help fight crime in the county are being offered by Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

The awards, of between £5,000 and £100,000, will be available to help organisations establish new initiatives aimed at making the streets safer by supporting frontline policing, protecting vulnerable people, reducing re–offending or championing victims' rights.

The grants will be funded from money seized through the Proceeds of Crime Act. In Lancashire over the last few years, £1.2m has been returned to the commissioner following court action to take funds and assets from convicted criminals.

Mr Grunshaw said: "In Lancashire we have been very proactive making sure that criminals don't profit from their illegal activity and have taken steps to recover assets. As a result I have been able to put money back into the force to help fight crime and now I am making some of the cash taken from criminals available to organisations to help deliver schemes that will make Lancashire safe.

Clive Grunshaw

"The funds are open to all sectors working to deliver services or schemes in line with my police and crime plan and they can apply either as individual organisations or partner with others on collaborative projects.

"The new grants will see £600k available in all, split equally between the three divisions in Lancashire. The money can't be used to fund existing revenue costs but can be used to set up new schemes or for capital investment to help a service improve or grow and they must also demonstrate how they will deliver against the priorities."

Grant applications for sums ranging from £5,000 to a maximum of £100,000, must be supported by a business case and meet the funding criteria.

All non–capital grant funding must be matched funded and must show evidence that a scheme can become self–financing or sustainable in the future.

Applicants have until December 18 to submit bids and a selection panel will consider the applications in early January with grants awarded in time for the new financial year.

For details on how to apply go to www.lancashire–pcc.gov.uk/poca.

Police chief's call to cut the cuts

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner has marked the third anniversary of his appointment by calling on the government to put an end to the cuts to policing budgets.

Since taking office on November 22, 2012 Clive Grunshaw has had to oversee continuing cuts to his budget as a direct result of austerity measures.

Now in the light of the continued threat of terrorism he has called on the government to keep residents safe and abandon plans to reduce police budgets still further.

He said: "Police and crime commissioners are the voice of people they represent and here in Lancashire people are saying loud and clear that they think the cuts have gone far enough.

"Lancashire Constabulary has delivered cuts of £63m and identified another £11m of savings to 2016/17. We have managed these cuts well, driving out waste and ensuring we have been able to maintain frontline policing. But enough is enough.

"Our cuts so far amount to a 26% reduction in our budget in cash terms and services are thinner on the ground. Any further reduction means we will have no resilience in the event of a Paris–style terror attack."

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Brave Michael wins Edge Hill sports scholarship

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Talented all–rounder rebuilt his life after life–threatening blood clot

A YOUNG man who nearly died after a freak accident in a football match seven years ago has been granted a sports scholarship at Edge Hill University.

Michael Cartmell, a Cumbria county tennis player as well as a talented footballer, was injured following a clash of heads on the pitch.

He went home suffering with a bad headache but later, his mother couldn't wake him and he was rushed to hospital where medics discovered that he had suffered an acute subarachnoid haemorrhage and developed a blood clot in his brain.

The then 16–year–old Michael was in an induced coma for four weeks and spent a further two months in hospital.

But he rebuilt his life and carved out a career in disabled football, starting with Manchester United's Ability Counts team in 2010 and going on to be top scorer for the North West Cerebral Palsy team before being selected for the England CP team.

Michael said: "I remember waking up in the hospital and seeing my friends but not being able to speak. I had to learn everything again from scatch, including how to walk and talk. I was also left with a right–sided weakness, so as well as learning to write all over again I've had do it using my left hand."

Michael Cartmell

After working tirelessly at his rehabilitation, Michael's condition improved dramatically and he says: "It's strange to think that seven years ago I couldn't even kick a ball and now I'm back playing at a high level again.

"The accident has made me appreciate life more, it's given me perspective. I've got more time for people and I'm happy to use my experience to help others."

Michael went to America last year for three months coaching soccer to youngsters in five different states and after securing his sport scholarship from Edge Hill plans to run one–to–one coaching sessions with others.

"I want to use the scholarship to enhance my performance, as it will help fund travel costs, equipment and one–to–one coaching. I also plan to support Edge Hill Sports by providing coaching to help more people access sport."

Fracking company to 'plug' Banks test well

CUADRILLA have announced plans to 'plug' their exploratory well at the Becconsall site in Banks.

The energy company drilled the well in 2011 and were granted planning permission by Lancashire County Council in May to measure the pressure of the gas in the shale rock and subsequently plug it with cement and restore the site to its original condition.

A spokesperson for Cuadrilla said: "The planning consent contained a condition which required Cuadrilla to place all pressure monitoring equipment on site by May 31, 2015. The equipment could not be secured and mobilised to site within that timeframe and rather than seek to vary the planning condition Cuadrilla has decided not to pursue the pressure testing and will move on to plug the well with cement and fully restore the site in 2016.

"During the summer of 2015 Cuadrilla decommissioned 159 seismic monitoring stations near to the site, with permission of the relevant landowners. All of the sites were fully restored by October."

Tony Young from campaign group Ribble Estuary Against Fracking welcomed the news. He said: "It comes as no surprise to our members that Cuadrilla are to abandon the Becconsall site and remove more than 150 monitoring stations in the local area. Their failure to comply with time frames and mitigation measures imposed on them by Lancashire County Council has shown their disregard for the planning process and has left locals with many unanswered questions.

"REAF would like to thank all those who have supported us as we continue our work with other communities faced with the dangers of unconventional onshore oil and gas extraction."

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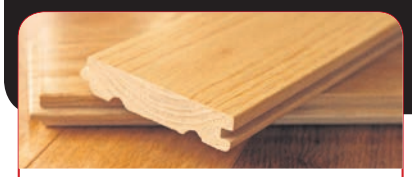

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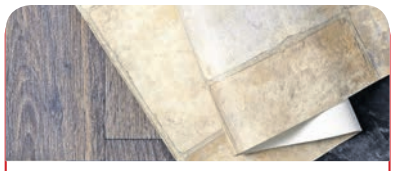

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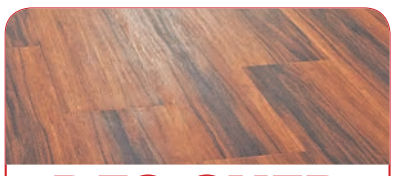

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Pupils create a poppy tribute with a difference

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancashire Primary School have created a war memorial with a difference – by making a dress out of poppies!

Members of the Duggies after–school club at Parbold Douglas Church of England Academy, whose ages range from five to 11 years, made the dress under the direction of club manager, Audrey Hines who came up with the unusual idea after seeing a wedding dress decorated with poppies in a bridal window.

Audrey said: "We always commemorate Remembrance Day at the school each year and this seemed to me to be a better way of using poppies than simply sticking them down onto a piece of paper.

"We will be able to use the mannequin on different occasions commemorating the sacrifices made by servicemen and women as well as other victims of conflicts. For instance, we had the dress on display when we held a service and a minute's silence commemorating those who tragically lost their lives in the Paris terrorist attacks.

"We decided to make the poppies into a dress and used the letters for the project to stand for Do Remember Every Soldier's Sacrifice (DRESS).

"It is good for the children to think about others and to remind them of the incredible sacrifices that have been made for them.

"Now we are hoping to make another dress themed on Christmas and will be looking at ideas on how to do this over the next few weeks."

Some of the Duggies after–school club pupils with the dress they made from poppies Code1086038

Sacred music on choir's autumn concert programme

PARBOLD Chamber Choir will be performing sacred music from around Europe at their autumn concert at the village's Christ Church on Saturday (28 November) starting at 7.30pm.

Choir secretary, Alex Garden, said: "The programme will feature Vaughan Williams' Jubilant Benedicite and Parry's Magnificat in contrast with the well–loved Cantique de Jean Racine by Faure and Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck.

"We are delighted to welcome Ruth Anderson as our solo soprano and, as usual, the choir is accompanied by Peter Kwater at the organ and directed by well–known local musician, Jim Cooke."

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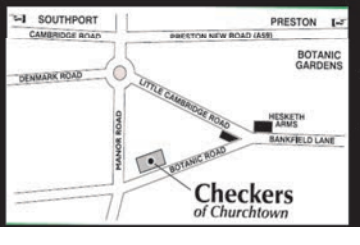

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Lights switch–on begins countdown to Christmas...

Entertainment for all the family in store at sparkling event

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A packed Moor Street for last year's Ormskirk Christmas lights switch–on

THE start of the festive season in Ormskirk is set to get 'officially' underway on Friday (November 27) when the annual Christmas lights switch–on is staged.

From 4.30pm onwards children's favourite characters Mickey Mouse, Peppa Pig, Sponge Bob, Olaf from Frozen and Red Power Ranger will be out and about in the town meeting and greeting everyone.

Meanwhile, courtesy of the local Rotary Club, Santa will be in his special grotto from around the same time waiting to hear children's gift lists.

And on and around the main stage area family entertainer 'Fun Steve' will be there to entertain visitors from 4.45 to 5.15pm, followed by the Ormskirk Rock Choir whose performance last year left the crowd wanting more. They will be performing popular numbers including Don't Stop Me Now by Queen, Hold My Hand by Jess Glynne and seasonal favourite, Merry Christmas by Shakin' Stevens.

Compere Andy Jay will be in attendance to keep the party atmosphere going as well as introducing singing duo Jingle Belles, who will perform songs from the film Frozen and other songs from fairy tales.

MEDLEY

Invited dignitaries and guests will assemble at Ormskirk Parish Church for the procession, led to the sounds of a piper, towards the main arena in readiness for the carol ceremony at 6pm, conducted by local clergy and ably assisted by the Skelmersdale Prize Brass Band and Friends in Unison Choir.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy will give a Christmas address as part of the ceremony and will then be joined by a special guest or guests for the main event.

The countdown to the switch–on will be led by West Lancashire Town Crier, Don Evans and at 6.30pm Ormskirk will be festooned with Christmas sparkle as the lights are switched on.

Jingle Belles will then perform the stage finale as they sing a medley of Christmas favourites for people to sing along to.

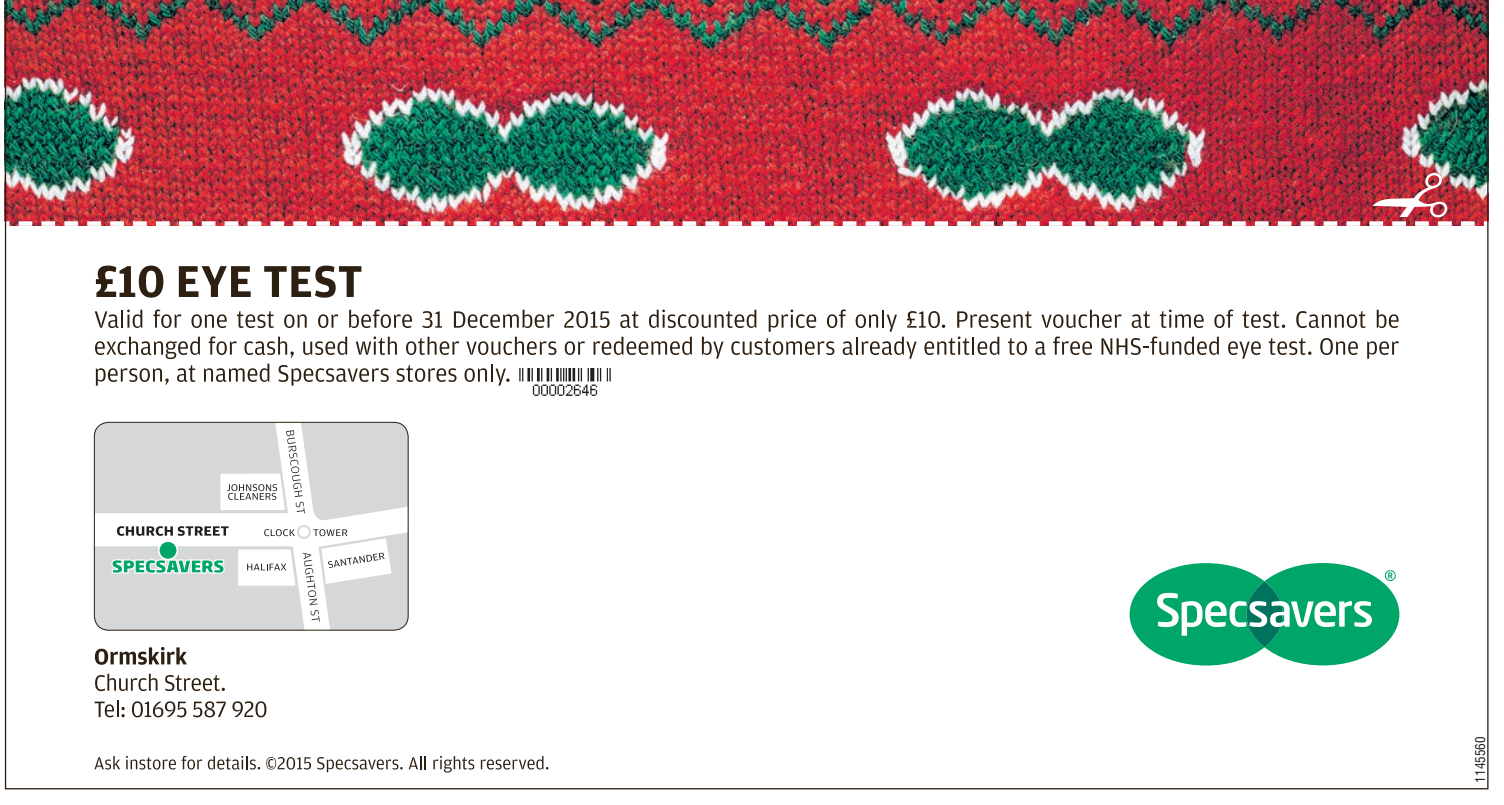
Adding to the festive atmosphere will be an outdoor Christmas fair marquee. This will be open from noon until 8pm and will complement the Chapel Gallery Craft Fair with more than 40 stalls exhibiting and selling an array of handmade and artisan gifts.

There will also be plenty of fun and games for younger visitors to enjoy, as well as mulled wine and music for the grown–ups.

A variety of food and drink vendors will be stationed in the marquee and around the town to whet your appetite, while Silcock's amusements will be providing rides for kiddies throughout the day and into the evening.

The Chapel Gallery Craft fair is also open from 10am until 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29 November and Father Christmas will be visiting from 11am on the Sunday.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Christmas will start with a bang in Ormskirk with our fantastic Christmas lights switch–on event and Chapel Gallery Christmas Fair so make sure you come along and enjoy the fun."



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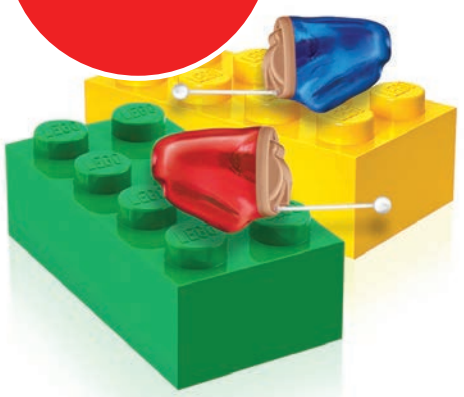

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Oyez! Oyez! Let's hear it for Lancashire Day

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A RANGE of events are being held in West Lancashire amd surrounding areas to celebrate Lancashire Day on Friday, November 27.

West Lancs town crier Don Evans will read the Lancashire Day Proclamation at noon at the clock tower in Ormskirk and again at 1pm at the entrance to Cambridge Arcade, Chapel Street in neighbouring Southport.

Lancashire Day supporter, Jeff Carter, said: "On this day in 1295 the first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward 1 to attend what later became known as 'The Model Parliament', the start of democracy in Great Britain.

"The proclamation will be read out by town criers throughout the county to rouse regional pride and at 9pm Lancastrians are invited to join the loyal toast to the Queen, the Duke of Lancaster.

"If you were born between the river Duddon in the north and the river Mersey in the south you are, first and foremost, a Lancastrian. No legislation has ever changed the traditional county boundaries!"

A number of pubs and restaurants will be hosting Lancashire–Day themed events across the county. Local events include:

• In Lathom, the Ship Inn on Wheat Lane will be offering traditional Lancashire beers and menu, while the Ring O' Bells pub are hosting the Lancashire Society for a Lancashire Night with entertainment by Tackers Tales, made up of Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding as well as clog dancers, musicians, Lancashire dialect, poems and traditional Lancashire beers.

• In Ormskirk, the Cricketers on Chapel Street are offering Lancashire beers and hotpot.

• In Burscough, the Hop Vine on Liverpool Road North are offering a Lancashire Day beer offer and Infusions Bistro on Orrell Lane are offering a seven–course Lancashire Feast and Lancashire bottled beers.

• In Southport, the Tap & Bottles at Cambridge Walks will be offering traditional Lancashire beers and entertainment from 1pm and the Inn Beer Shop on Lord Street will be celebrating the Lancashire Day proclamation and are hosting a Lancs Day event from 6pm, which will include Lancashire beers, music, hotpot, cheese board, pies, Chorley and Eccles cakes and a prize for the best–dressed Lancastrian.

Town Crier Don Evans makes last year's Lancashire Day proclamation in Ormskirk town centre.

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Council is not to blame for everything!

I READ Graham Walker's letter in the letters page (Champion, November 11) with growing dismay.

I have been known to be highly critical of West Lancashire Borough Council and some of its decisions but Mr Walker has adopted the scatter–gun approach and blamed the council not just for things it does control but equally things it has no control over.

I am not going to enter into the discussion about the council's management structures and the associated decisions or St Modwens, where I am a long–standing critic going back years.

However, the Walkers turbine was subject to proper planning procedures and a decision which was public enough to generate a residents' protest so it was hardly 'by stealth' and the Whitemoss proposals have been opposed by the council but it is not their decision so hardly a reason to blame them for the 'debacle.'

Also, the current administration opposed the Sandy Lane scheme so it is reasonable if they drop it now they are in power.

Finally, the council does not manage the NHS so in the case of events at the hospital trust they are as much bystanders as Mr Walker and myself.

David Carter joins in the 'blame the council for everything' theme. His claim that 'every other place' has a hospital, railway station, decent bus services, large shops and a cemetery is, frankly, nonsense.

And he calls on the council to fix all these things. I suggest Mr Carter gets out and visits some towns of a similar size to Skelmersdale and discover for himself that they don't have all, if any, of the amenities he demands.

West Lancashire Council has no control over bus services and as central government squeezes ever tighter on council spending the idea any council can spend ever–larger amounts subsidising bus services is fanciful.

Large shops are again not within the control of the council either but private firms who chase profit not community benefit. If they don't think that they can make a profit they will not come.

A railway station and hospital are equally outside the council's control and all they can do is ask for these thing but with a central government determined to shrink public spending I would not hold your breath.

So, by all means have a go at the council if you disagree with their decisions but please don't attack them when it is not their fault. They don't run everything.

Chris Cheetham,
by email

University is brilliant but why not change the name?

YOU print occasional letters from grumpy readers who complain about the behaviour of students from Edge Hill University. I'd like to record that the students I see around Ormskirk are not noisy, drunk, uncouth or uncivilised – or badly dressed! On the contrary.

We should be glad to have such a remarkable college on our doorstep.

I spent a pleasant hour recently wandering around the campus. The architecture is agreeably modern and colourful. The landscaping is fantastic with well–kept garden areas, lakes and trees.

The facilities are outstanding – a theatre, high–quality accommodation for students, a brand–new sports block, running tracks and every academic subject imaginable. Brilliant.

I'd advise the moaners to visit Edge Hill and be prepared to be amazed. They'll need to get a map because the campus is so extensive.

But my final point concerns a different matter. Why is it still called Edge Hill? This is a relic dating from the origins of the college in that area of Liverpool and can only cause confusion.

I earnestly hope, of course, that no–one would dream of naming it after a politician, living or dead. Surely it should be renamed West Lancashire University. It belongs to all of us and we should be proud of it.

Maurice George, Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

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A view from inside the Hide

Looking out from the new Discovery Hide which officially opened at Martin Mere Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre last week.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Stop moaning about students

I'M a resident of Ormskirk and have had Edge Hill Students living next door for years and not once have I had to complain about them.

Have any of these people ever been to university? Have they never done anything wrong? Do they have relatives at university who are so perfect? Think back to when you were young. Get a life.

They do keep the supermarkets going. Lots of people will not come to Ormskirk anymore, unless you want a charity shop – see the empty shops.

Stop blaming students for something you don't like. There's good and bad everywhere.

Stop moaning. Is your son or daughter at university somewhere? Maybe they are doing exactly what you don't like.

Graham Wilson, by email

Still taking about bypass 50 years on

ANOTHER letter about a bypass for Ormskirk triggered some memories.

In the late 1950s/early 60s our family made regular weekend car trips to Southport from St Helens. Every time we came to the parish church junction dad would moan: "When ARE they going to build a bypass around this place?"

We kids would giggle before we got there, as we knew what he would say. Sometimes he said it on the way back!

It was not built in his time and I don't expect it to be built in mine. One wonders if too many people would object to it now.

Anthony Prescott, Scarisbrick

Here's a fine way to fund police!

I CAN'T understand why the government is cutting police numbers due to lack of funds. If speeding motorists in Cottage Lane were fined £60 a time there'd be enough in a week to pay a policeman's salary for six months!

And that's just from one road with a 20mph limit in the town, another source of income would be to fine all drivers who parked on pavements.

A. E. Millington, Ormskirk

Links between Selby landfill debacle and Whitemoss are cause for concern

BBC News reports that there is a landfill site near Selby where domestic waste, piled very high, has been left rotting close to properties because the company operating the site is bankrupt. The site has planning permission and was operated under licence from the Environment Agency.

District council and other public bodies are left with task of dealing with the waste but they are not exactly rushing to take action, leaving householders with a stinking health risk close to their homes. The substantial costs of remediation will fall upon national and local taxpayers, including the people who are suffering.

How has this been allowed to happen under the monitoring procedures of both the permitting council and the Environment Agency? Many Skelmersdale residents know the answer to that.

Links with the situation at Whitemoss hazardous waste landfill/land–raising site are not hard to find. The only basic difference is that the waste at Whitemoss is more threatening to the health, welfare and environment of the local community. Costs of remediation would be astronomical and well above any retained funds attached to the permission.

In the Whitemoss case, permission comes from national government, overriding the objections of the borough and county councils, as well as a host of organisations and individuals. The operating licence and oversight come from the, er, Environment Agency, an organisation that is considered by many residents to have been ineffective at Whitemoss in the past.

Now there is cast–iron proof of its ineffectiveness in Selby.

Roger Clayton,
by email

Who will enforce pedestrian areas?

HOW funny it was to read about the parking problem in the pedestrian areas of Ormskirk.

Councillor Fillis hopes that the CCTV employees will be able to monitor the problem but who is actually going to take action when an offence is committed? Surely not the CCTV staff?

In Ormskirk I have seen at least three parking wardens and there might even be more but for some strange reason they do not put tickets on vehicles that are illegally parked around the town and the Edge Hill University area where the students are causing so many problems.

The only places they issue tickets is on the council–controlled car parks. Why do we need so many wardens for these car parks?

Surely Councillor Fillis should consider making better use of our council tax money and reduce the number of car park wardens and employ the others on road parking duties?

F. B., Ormskirk

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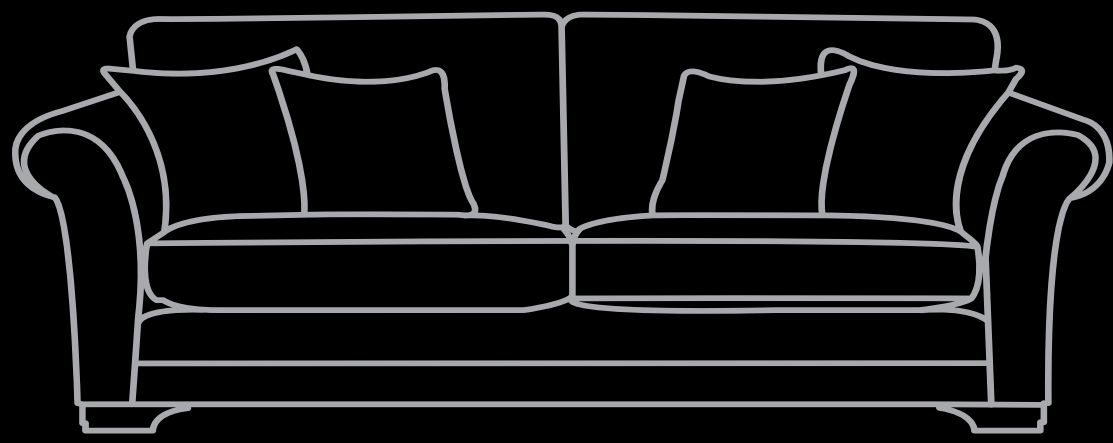

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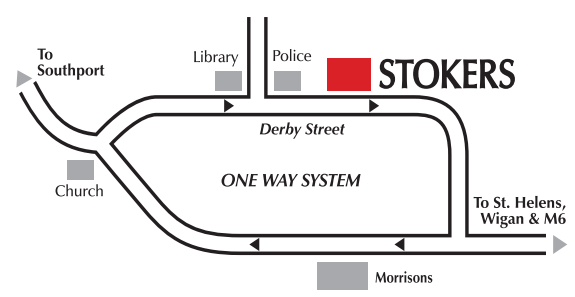

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Mark toughs it out to raise £5,500 for Help for Heroes

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SOLDIER who was injured in Afghanistan has raised more than £5,500 by tackling the world's most gruelling endurance challenge for the third time.

Sergeant Mark Holloway, 31, who lives in Burscough, was the second fastest Brit in the World's Toughest Mudder, a 24–hour endurance obstacle course race staged in the heat of the Nevada desert in the USA.

In the challenge competitors strive to complete as many laps as possible of the five–mile long course.

Mark completed 14 laps, around 70 miles in total, and was the second–ranked Brit to take part and 21st overall of the 1100–plus male and female competitors.

He was also ranked fifth in his own 232–strong category for men aged 30 to 34.

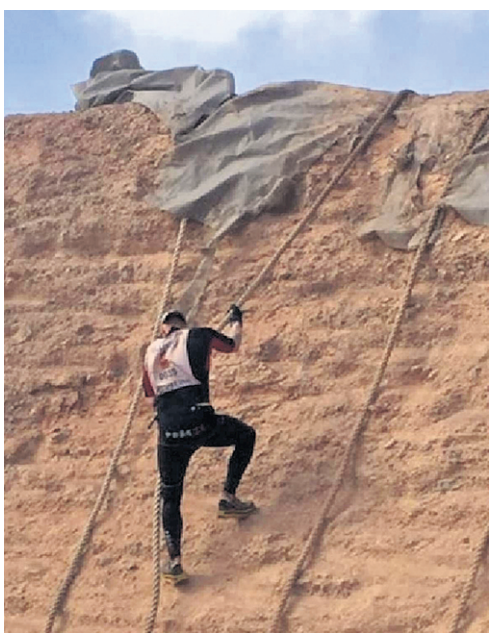
And thanks to sponsorship from family, friends and supporters he managed to raise a total of £5,578 for forces charity, Help for Heroes.

Mark was injured by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving with the 2nd Battalion The Rifles in December 2011 and feared at one point that he may have to have his arm amputated.

His recovery was aided by a specialist rehabilitation centre in Surrey which is sponsored by Help for Heroes as part of the charity's support for members of the armed forces and their families.

Since his rehabilitation, Mark has undertaken a number of fundraising efforts – including the 2013 and 2014 World's Toughest Mudder challenges – raising more than £10,000 for Help for Heroes.

He has trained for this year's event by running, cycling and swimming, as well being put through his paces with gruelling sessions at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.



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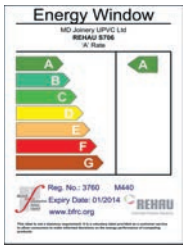

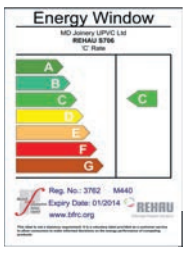

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Young Puddle Ducks on their sponsored pyjama swim

Splashing out for charity!

YOUNG swimmers made a splash for charity by helping to raise more than £1,150 for children with a rare genetic disorder.

Members of the local branch of the Puddle Ducks Lancashire club, based at Ormskirk CE School, were among more than 500 youngsters across the county who completed a sponsored swim wearing their pyjamas in aid of sufferers of Prader–Willi syndrome, a chromosome disorder which causes learning difficulties and growth abnormalities.

Remembrance service for lost loved ones

ORMSKIRK Hospital will be offering support to families remembering lost loved ones in the weeks before Christmas.

The Baby and Child Remembrance Service will be led by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust chaplain, Reverend Martin Abrams.

Rev. Abrams said: "The run–up to Christmas can be a very exciting and special time but it can also heighten a sense of loss, grief and isolation. We hope the short, informal service will be supportive to anyone who has suffered a child or baby loss.

"The Salvation Army band will join us and we will be writing the names of loved ones on baubles to hang from our Christmas tree."

The event will start with refreshments in the main hospital at 6.30pm on Tuesday, December 1 before moving to one of the hospital gardens for the service.

Throughout December, Trees of Remembrance will also be available in the prayer and quiet rooms at both Ormskirk and Southport hospitals. Visitors will be welcome to write the names of loved ones on a decoration and hang it from the tree.

Mums raise £250 for hospital neonatal unit

THE organiser of an online support group for expectant women and new mums has raised more than £250 for the Neonatal Unit at Ormskirk Hospital.

Gill Francis, who runs the Ormskirk Babies group, organised a party for more than 50 parents and babies at the Base Dance Studios on Southport Road.

As well as a raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses – including the Blue Mallard, Puddle Ducks, Baby Sensory and Re:Treat – they sold cupcakes while the children enjoyed soft play.

Gill said: "Thanks to all the mums who attended, the local businesses for their raffle prizes and Katherine Parr from Phoenix cards who donated some of her earnings."

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Coffee club brew up a tasty boost for children's charity

OFFICIALS of a children's charity are raising a toast to kind–hearted coffee–lovers after receiving a bumper boost.

Members of the Shaw Hall Caravan Park coffee morning club in Scarisbrick presented a cheque for £800 to Amber Mitchell of the Legacy Rainbow House in Mawdesley which offers rehabilitation and education services for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions including cerebral palsy, brain injury and genetic conditions.

The coffee club meets every Monday afternoon from 1 to 2pm and members raised the money through raffles, bingo, tombola and regular donations. Previously they have raised funds for Woodlands hospice in Fazakerley and the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust.

Legacy Rainbow House will use the money to develop the charity's services following the opening of their new, purpose–built facility, the Rainbow House Hub.

Coffee club member, Alice Garside, said: "We love fundraising for different good causes and it's wonderful to be able to give a donation to this fantastic local charity."

New members are always welcome at the coffee club. For more details call Shaw Hall Caravan Park on 01704 840298.

• RIGHT: Coffee club members present their cheque to Amber Mitchell Code1086033

'Look before you book' call

Councillor Kevin Wright

AS the festive season looms into view and plans are drawn up for office outings, works 'dos' or family get–togethers, council health chiefs are urging residents to 'look before you book' for a meal out this Christmas.

Anyone thinking of eating out this festive season or booking somewhere for a staff Christmas meal is being advised by West Lancs Council to check the food hygiene rating of where they are looking to go.

Christmas is a time to enjoy good company and good food without worrying about food poisoning.

But the council are reminding would–be diners that you can't tell the hygiene standards of a restaurant, pub, cafe, bar or takeway by how clean and tidy the staff look or by how busy it is.

Food hygiene ratings are determined by local authority food safety officers and run from 0 to 5, with 5 indicating very good food hygiene standards. 95% of businesses that sell food to the public in West Lancashire are rated three or better so customers can make an informed choice when deciding where to eat out.

The rating tells you about hygiene standards in restaurants and other businesses that sell food to the public and it's easy to check online at the Food Standards Agency website www.food.gov.uk/ratings, or if you're out and about check for the green and black sticker.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's cabinet member for health, said: "I am pleased that so many restaurants, pubs, cafes, bars and takeaways in West Lancashire take food hygiene seriously. It's easy for people to check hygiene ratings online and we are encouraging businesses in the borough to display their rating and have a prosperous Christmas season."

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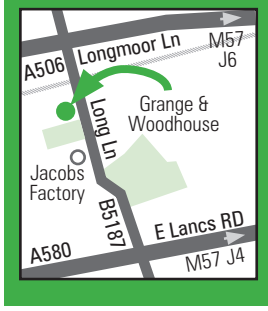

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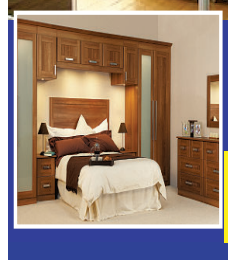

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Nominations wanted for apprentice awards

By **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council is launching a search for the borough's most outstanding employers and apprentices to be nominated for The Let's Talk Apprenticeship Awards 2016.

The awards recognise the hard work apprentices put into excelling in their chosen field and the employers who put apprenticeships at the heart of their organisations. And local businesses are being urged to put themselves forward for the awards which are free to enter and include two categories, Apprentice of the Year 2016 and the Apprentice Employer of the Year 2016.

Nominations for the former are invited from organisations which have existing apprentices or employees who have completed their apprenticeship in the last 12 months and who they believe have exhibited the drive and enthusiasm deserving of the Let's Talk Apprentice of the Year Award 2016.

Nominations for the Apprentice Employer of the Year award are invited from organisations that have an existing apprenticeship or training programme that they believe works well for both the apprentices and their business.

Councillor Ian Moran

Council leader and cabinet member for economic regeneration, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "I would encourage apprenticeship employers to enter these awards. This is a fantastic opportunity to shine a spotlight on their business and their apprentices.

"Businesses that take part will gain credit for their commitment to apprenticeships and lead the way for other organisations thinking of recruiting an apprentice."

Applications for both categories can be made online via West Lancs Council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk /apprenticeshipawards.

The closing date for all applications is Friday, February 12.

The awards will be presented at a special business awards and networking event on Thursday, March 10 from 8am to 10.30am at West Tower, Aughton.

As well as the presentation of the apprenticeship awards the free event will also feature a number of guest speakers who will discuss their business story and provide advice on how to successfully grow your business.

In addition there will be information and presentations on funding and grant opportunities available for West Lancashire businesses.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Crosby, Litherland, Aintree, Maghull, Walton, Anfield, Netherton, Bootle, Formby, Ormskirk and Skelmersdale areas & Paul is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success.*'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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Fundraiser is child's play

MEMBERS of the West Lancs MG Owners Club swapped their classic cars for toy ones when they held a Scalextric race at their latest monthly meeting at the Briars Hall Hotel in Lathom.

The race was won by events organiser, Steve Kirton and, along with a raffle, raised £60 for the club's charity pot for the year.

Suspected loan sharks arrested

Illegal money lenders targeted

SUSPECTED loan sharks have been arrested following an operation by police in West Lancashire and Chorley.

A 69–year–old man and 63–year–old woman from Ormskirk and a 51–year–old man and 44–year–old woman from Chorley were arrested on suspicion of illegal money lending on Thursday, November 19.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team, working in partnership with Lancashire Trading Standards and Lancashire Police, executed warrants at two addresses seizing laptops, iPads, documentation and mobile phones.

The suspects are currently in custody being questioned by officers from the team.

Tony Quigley, head of the Illegal Money Lending Team, said: "We will continue to work to combat loan sharks. They can cause untold misery to the most disadvantaged in our communities. We would urge anyone with information about loan sharking or victims of loan sharks to contact the team."

Anyone wishing to report a loan shark can call the 24/7 confidential hot–line on 0300 555 2222 or send an email to reportaloanshark @stoploansharks.gov.uk.

Pupils grin and bear it for Pudsey!

Two of the young fundraisers with Pudsey the bear

COLOURFUL young fundraisers have managed to collect more than £360 for Children in Need.

Pupils from Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School sold wristbands and keyrings with the Children in Need mascot Pudsey on them. They also took part in a colouring contest and enjoyed a cake sale.

Staff at the school also held a 'mufti day' and the children and teachers all came dressed as Pudsey or as their childhood hero.

Headteacher Stephen Smith said: "The children love to dress up for the day and when you can do it to raise money for a charity, it makes it even more exciting. Around £360 was raised on the day and money is still coming in."

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Special needs support group shortlisted for national youth award

A SUPPORT group for children and young people in Lancashire with special educational needs and disabilities has been shortlisted for a national award.

The Children with Disabilities Council, known as Participate, Opportunities, Winners, Achieve and Respect (POWAR), run by Barnardo's on behalf of Lancashire County Council, has been named as a finalist in the Youth Volunteering Award category of the Children & Young People Now Awards 2015.

The POWAR group, set up in 2012, brings representatives from each area of Lancashire together twice each month to discuss issues that are relevant to their care. The group also shares their opinions about the topics that affect them with relevant professionals.

This approach lets the children and young people themselves take an active role in planning, developing and reviewing the services they use and means that their views are heard and acted on.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Participation by children and young people themselves is so important and the POWAR group ensures that this happens. They even chose the name for their group themselves.

"Setting the group up with a proper structure is crucial for making sure that continued development and improvement of the service is influenced by the people who actually use it. We've put a deal of effort in to engaging like this because we believe that it makes a real difference. The group members actively work towards positively changing the lives of other children and young people with disabilities.

"Well done to everyone who has worked on this and especially to the children and young people. The POWAR group are an inspiration and regularly go above and beyond to ensure that the lives of children with disabilities in Lancashire are improved."

The awards ceremony will be held in London tomorrow (Thursday, November 26).

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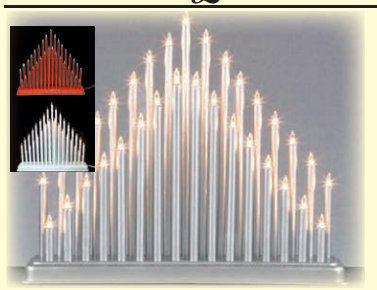

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The next wallk – the last before Christmas – will start at Freshfield railway station on Sunday, December 13.

And there will be a chance to walk off the effects of the seasonal festivites on Tuesday, December 29 starting at Dobbies Garden Centre, Bentham Way, Southport.

Anyone is welcome to take part, suitable clothing and footwear are recommended more information is available at www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk.

Bus company launches online lost property service for passengers

BUS passengers in West Lancashire are being urged to use social media if they lose any of their personal belongings while travelling on Arriva North West services.

The company, which operates services across the borough, has received in excess of 35,000 phone calls from customers this year alone, all desperate to be reunited with items ranging from false teeth and umbrellas, to musical instruments, walking frames and even a few children in prams!

More than 100 forgotten and mislaid items are left on its buses on a daily basis.

Now, to ensure customers can relocate their property swiftly and safely, Arriva is asking those who are trying to track down their lost items to contact them first through social media before picking up the phone.

Debra Heaton, marketing and communications manager for Arriva North West, said: "You name it, we've probably found it on the back of a bus at some point. We've had lonesome dogs, live ferrets, glass eyes, prosthetic limbs, handcuffs, and all manner of weird and wonderful bits and pieces!

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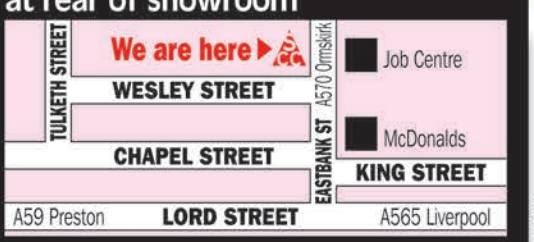

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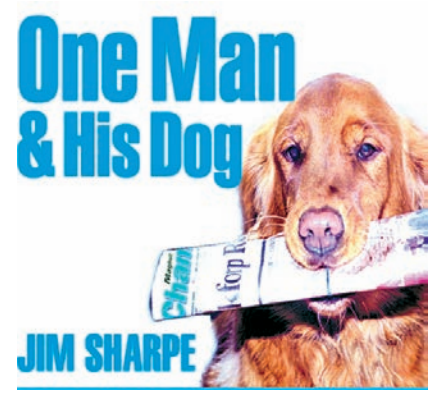

DID you see those horrendous pictures recently of the 'protest marchers' in London? I think they were protesting about capitalism, though let's face it, Rent–a–Mob would turn out in force for just about any trendy–lefty cause.

But did you read also, that two arrests were made. Two.

I've no idea exactly what mayhem these silly young men and women caused, or how much their infantile actions must have cost each of us, but I did see a police car set on fire, much to the delight of the whooping 'protestors'.

There were also apparently several police officers injured in the scuffles, and naturally the normal life of whatever district they were in was brought to a raucous halt

And two arrests were made. I've no idea what these two martyrs were charged with, but I bet they're still roaming the streets.

Yes, yes I know I have touched on this kind of thing before, but it really does make my blood boil that a gang of pea–brains can set alight a police vehicle, cause thousands of pounds worth of damage, generally disrupt an entire neighbourhood and get clean away with it.

You could, of course, try it for yourself. Pick a genuinely good cause – like protecting our green belt – and have your own private demo. Set fire to some official vehicle, smash a number of shop windows, yell obscenities about almost anybody in a position of authority.

Well, actually don't. Because, oddly, the local police would take a rather dim view of such proceedings.

Or you could invest in a few lurid posters featuring local politicians and plaster them on any convenient surface – shop windows, police stations, churches even. Problem is, I rather suspect at the very least you'd see the inside of a magistrates' court.

Odd, isn't it? Try a one–person protest using the methods as shown on TV and you'll end up in custody quicker than you can say 'ban the...' Unless, of course, you have a backing group of a few dozen, in which case apparently the Old Bill will largely stand back and watch the patrol car burn.

It's not so much 'one law for the rich and one for the poor' any longer, now it seems it's one law for the violent and foul–mouthed and quite another (less tolerant) one for the normally silent and law–abiding majority.

Mind you, there does seem to be a swing against reasoned argument anyway. Look at the TV and increasingly you'll find admittedly mostly clever celebs, putting down anything that smacks of old values and manners with snide comments and 'witty' asides.

Though worse I reckon are many of our 'alternative' comedians and, unfortunately, their audiences. Playground–style humour (though far more disgusting) seems too often the order of the day, littered with infantile 'jokes' where the very mention of a lavatory, wee wee – or Margaret Thatcher – seems guaranteed a burst of mirth.

I know I'm probably going somewhat over the top, but lowering standards of apparently acceptable behaviour often to the gutter does depress me. As do news reports and pictures of burning police cars that don't include the words 'dozens of arrests made'. Not two.

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Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Anyone with a special requirement should contact the trust in advance on 01704 704783.

The agenda will be available on the trust website in advance of the meeting and supporting papers will be made available on the day.

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Charity says tax credit cuts could affect 7,800 children in West Lancs

By Henry James

NEARLY 8,000 children in West Lancashire live in families facing cuts to their tax credits – according to research by The Children's Society.

And the charity is warning that the proposed cuts, targeted at almost 300,000 mainly low–paid families across the region, risk pushing many more children into poverty.

Last month the House of Lords voted to delay the changes and Chancellor George Osborne agreed to come back with measures to soften the impact on families.

But the government has so far refused to rule out pushing ahead with the £4.4bn cuts next April as planned. Families must wait until the Autumn Statement today (Wednesday, November 25) to find out how they will be affected.

Research by The Children's Society shows how the proposed technical changes to tax credits – reducing income thresholds and disregards

Matthew Reed, Children's Society chief executive

and increasing taper rates– would lead to 2.4m working families with 4.5m children across the UK losing hundreds or even thousands of pounds per year.

The charity has said the number of families in West Lancashire facing cuts to tax credits is 4,300. And the research shows more than half a million children in the North West live in families facing cuts to their tax credits.

The families at risk include some of the lowest paid in the country. The proposed cuts are targeted specifically at people in work and those with children are more likely to be hit than anyone else.

The Children's Society has called on the government to make a pledge before Christmas to abandon the planned cuts and says that at the very least any reductions should be phased in over time and existing claimants should be protected.

Matthew Reed, chief executive of The Children's Society, said: "Children will be the biggest losers if these deeply unfair cuts to working households go ahead. Parents would no doubt do what they could to shield their children from the impact. But the reality is that tax credits are vital for poorer families who work long hours to provide the basics for their children.

"Cutting their income in this way, by more than £1,000 a year in many cases, would risk pushing more children into poverty, as well as undermining incentives to move into work or earn more.

"We urge the government to do the right thing and abandon its planned cuts at the earliest opportunity."

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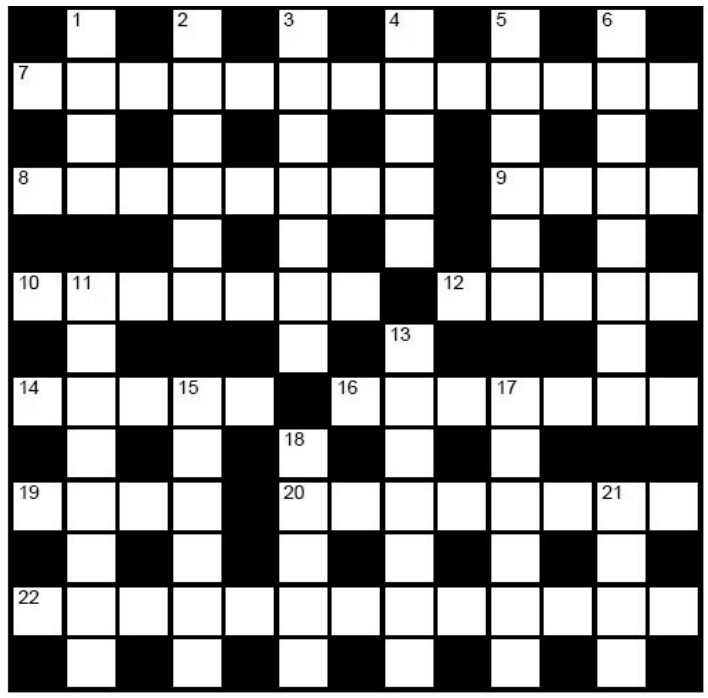

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Uncork. 8 Proper. 9 Visa. 10 Warmed up. 11 Concord. 13 Adder. 15 Jetty. 16 Obverse. 18 Obsolete. 19 Sips. 21 Domino. 22 Senior.

Down: 1 Anti. 2 Roman Catholic. 3 Skyward. 4 Opera. 5 Power dressing. 6 Refugees. 12 Overbook. 14 Abreast. 17 Tenor. 20 Ploy.

ACROSS

7 Independent, fee-paying teaching establishment (7,6)
8 Classical riding movement (8)
9 Prepare for publication (4)
10 Usually round, floating leaf (4,3)
12 Hard-wearing, cotton twill fabric used for making jeans (5)
14 Put forward (5)
16 Ruler (7)
19 Grain store (4)
20 Sloppy, careless (8)
22 Injury treatment by massage or exercise rather than drugs or surgery (13)

DOWN

1 Operatic solo (4)
2 Excessively (6)
3 Backless and armless low upholstered seat (7)
4 Not straight (5)
5 Informal term for a clever trick or scheme (6)
6 Often derogatory term for someone with strong political views (8)
11 Occurring or provided during a journey by air (2,6)
13 Ability to understand others' feelings (7)
15 Self-interest (6)
17 Suffer patiently (6)
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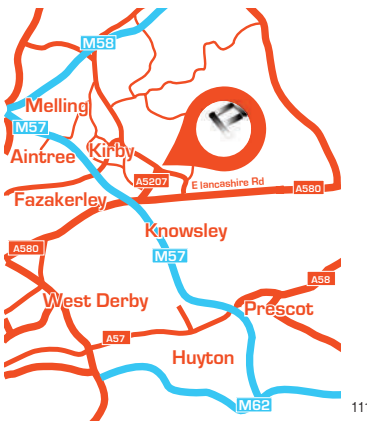

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School's rainbow raises 'pot of gold' for charity!

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More than 350 youngsters aged between four and 11 from Ormskirk CE Primary, Greetby Hill dressed in rainbow colours to form the spectacle to raise money for The Rainbow Legacy House in Mawdesley.

The sponsored event raised £300 for the charity which provides rehabilitation and support services for children and young adults with brain injuries, multiple disabilities and complex health needs, and their families.

One of the organisers, Pamela Knight, said: "A number of children attend Rainbow House and the parents and staff felt it was the right choice of local charity for their support."

• Meanwhile, three young pupils at the school also raised more than £205 for Children in Need with a sponsored silence. Nine–year–old Jessica Galligan and Anna Sneddon and Megan Lloyd, both eight, 'kept mum' from 3.30 to 5pm at the school's after–school club.

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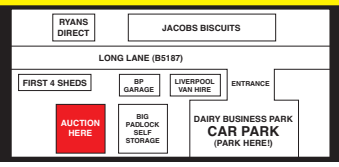

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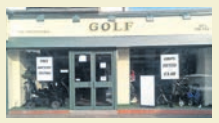

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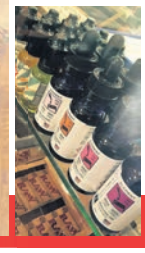

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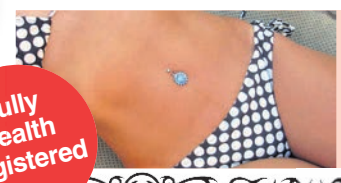

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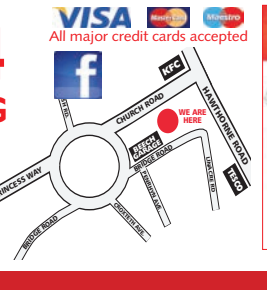

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The extension, housing 24 bedrooms, follows on from an outlay of £2 million on the venue in 2010.

Situated off Junction 5 of the M58, the hotel now boasts 74 bedrooms offering a variety of accommodation for business clients and event organisers.

Discussing the history of the hotel and its importance in the local community, Cllr. Hennessy said: "The Lancashire Manor is a hidden jewel in the West Lancashire Crown and I am delighted to support this investment in the borough, which builds on a well–earned reputation, whilst also providing jobs and services."

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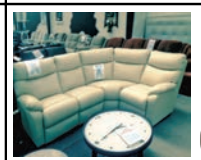

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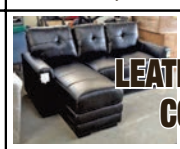

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Public's views sought on county boundary changes

THE independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is inviting Lancashire residents to comment on its draft proposals for new county council division boundaries.

An eight–week public consultation on the recommendations has begun and will end on January 11, 2016. It is open to anyone who wants to have their say on new county council electoral divisions, division boundaries and division names across Lancashire.

The commission's draft recommendations propose that Lancashire County Council should have 84 county councillors in the future, the same as the current arrangements. The recommendations also outline how those councillors should represent 80 single–member divisions and two two–member divisions across the county.

The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the commission's website which can be found at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk. Hard copies of the commission's report and maps will also be available to view at council buildings and libraries.

Max Caller CBE, chair of the commission, said: "We are keen to hear what local people think of the recommendations. Our review aims to deliver electoral equality for local voters. This means that each county councillor represents a similar number of electors so that everyone's vote in county council elections is worth roughly the same, regardless of where you live.

"We also want to ensure that our proposals reflect the interests and identities of local communities across Lancashire and that the pattern of divisions can help the council deliver effective local government."

The commission wants to hear as much evidence as possible in order to develop final recommendations for Lancashire County Council. If you would like to make a submission to the commission, write by January 11 2016 to The Review Officer (Lancashire), LGBCE, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London, SW1P 4QP, or email reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

Alzheimer's ambassador shares experiences

AN ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society has shared her experiences of living with the illness.

Gina Shaw and Hazel Bayley, the Alzheimer's Society regional operations manager for the North West, joined 150 members of the West Lancashire Freemasons at a dinner event after the organisation chose the Alzheimer's Society as their charity for the next two years.

Gina, who was diagnosed with dementia in August 2013, talked about the problems she faces every day with her memory, and the other challenges people face living with the disease.

Hazel Bayley and Gina Shaw with representatives from West Lancashire Freemasons

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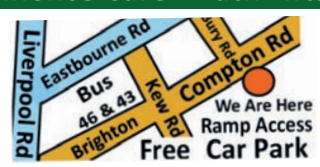

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‘Average’ house out of reach for most West Lancs residents – claim

THE ‘average’ house is unaffordable for most residents in West Lancashire – according to a new report.

A North West Home Truths 2015/16 report by the National Housing Federation (NHF) claims that fragmented housing markets in Lancashire are failing to match the success of the region, with the cost of renting or buying a home becoming further and further out of reach for many.

The study revealed that only people earning around £36,000 a year can now afford a typical mortgage in the county. That means that the average worker in Lancashire would need a staggering 50% pay rise, or an additional £12,131 a year, to have a chance of getting an average mortgage.

The cost of the average home in West Lancs in £192,904 – more than six–and–half times the average salary of £25,433.

According to the report, a chronic shortage of homes has seen housing costs spiral out of reach of many families, while in other parts of the region communities are struggling in desperate need of jobs and regeneration.

As people struggle to get a foot on the ladder in Lancashire, those renting from the private market are also feeling the strain on household budgets, spending an average of £507 per month on rent, more than a quarter of their average monthly income.

The report also concludes that nowhere near enough homes are being built or being brought back into use in the North West to keep up with demand, with a shortfall of more than 36,000 homes over the past four years.

Katie Teasdale, external affairs manager for the NHF, said: “We’re seeing divided markets in the region. In some places people are completely priced out of their local communities. In others we see areas which need employment opportunities and investment in empty homes.

“We need to sit down with local leaders to make sure that good–quality, accessible housing sits alongside skills, jobs and transport.”

County’s mental health services better than most in two care areas

A SURVEY of all NHS mental health Trusts in England undertaken by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has shown community mental health services in Lancashire are performing better than most in two areas of care.

The survey of 55 mental health NHS Trusts in England is divided into 10 areas and Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust scored higher than the national average in two of these – carers’ understanding of how an individual’s mental health needs affect other areas of their life, and services providing advice regarding finding or keeping accommodation.

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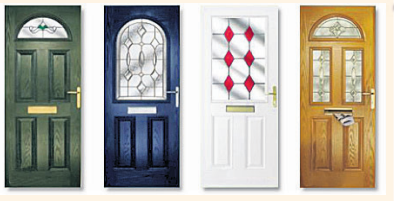

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International bow for fencing ace Richard

TALENTED fencer Richard Michell made his international debut for the Great Britain cadet squad at the German cadet international at the Olympischer Fechtclub Stadium, Bonn at the weekend.

And although he found it tough going adjusting to the very high standard against some of world's best competitors in the individual event on the Saturday, he bounced back in the team event on Sunday helping the Great Britain B team to win three of their five matches and finish a respectable 13th.

The Scarisbrick Hall sixth–former lost out in the indivduals to Czech No. 5 Ondrej Strnad but he fared much better in the team event beating the Italian opener and world No. 8 Ricardo Abate, 5–4 and scoring 11 consecutive points against Germany B.

Proud dad, Paul, said: "This competition was huge, twice the size of the largest UK tournaments with more than 220 competitors. And as it counted for national and international ranking points it attracted some of the best fencers from around the world."

And he added: "Many people have helped Richard get to this level and, as always, much credit is due to the diligent preparation and coaching of Scarisbrick Hall's fencing tutor, David Stobbs.

"Special thanks also to Patrick O'Malley of Nationwide Produce PLC and Alan Draper of R. Draper Ltd without whose financial assistance this trip would not have been possible.

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Brave Tricia raises £500 for Breathe Easy group

THE West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group has been given a £500 boost – thanks to the efforts of a dedicated fundraiser.

Former nurse, Tricia Kelley has suffered from severe respiratory disease all her life – culminating in a double lung transplant in March 2013 – but she hasn't let it stop her raising money for worthy causes.

And the 42–year–old latest's fundraiser, a Halloween charity fun day organised with the help of her close friends, Denise Partington and Maria Nelson, realised a bumper £1,200 with £500 going to the Breathe Easy group and the remainder to other charities.

The event was held at the Victoria Hotel, near to Tricia's home in Up Holland, which is run by Denise.

Tricia was to ill to atttend the presentation but Denise went along to the group's meeting at the Girl Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk to hand over the cheque.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group committee, said: "We are most grateful for Tricia and Denise's wonderful efforts.

"And the gift we have been able to make this very week to Southport Hospital, of four nebulisers, is a worthy example of the excellent way our funds are used for the communities of Southport and West Lancashire."

• PICTURED: Denise Partington (2nd from left) from the Victoria Hotel, Up Holland presents the cheque for £500 to Tricia Ireland of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group. Also pictured are group vice–chairman, Irene Norman (left), fundraiser, Maria Nelson and and group chairman, Harry Thacker.

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Edge Hill reader leads refugee research project

Dr Zana Vathi

A NEWLY–appointed reader at Edge Hill University and international expert on child migration, Dr Zana Vathi, has served as lead researcher on a project examining the current refugee crisis.

The project concerns the strain put on developing countries which hundreds of thousands of migrants are passing through to reach developed European nations, following the crises in Syria and conflict regions and countries in Asia and Africa.

Dr Vathi said: "While Western European countries have a long history of immigration and a developed legislation and infrastructure in place, other countries through which these migrants transit, or even settle in, are being transformed from developing countries of out–migration into immigrant–receiving countries.

"The Western Balkan countries are among those struggling to cope with the migrants and their varied needs. With a recent history of persistent out–migration and due to their economic problems, these countries are particularly affected by migrant waves, while struggling to provide adequate support to them and the pressure to comply with EU law."

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To address these issues and pay due attention to the experience of unaccompanied minors in these migrations, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) funded the analysis led by Dr Vathi to investigate the legal, policy and institutional response of the Western Balkans towards these migrant flows.

Dr Vathi added: "Rarely, if ever, has research investigated immigration into this region."

Dr Vathi presented the findings of the project in Tirana, Albania in a workshop that brought together representatives of governments of Western Balkan countries, and national and international NGOs. A report will be pub–lished at a later date.

County goes purple to back cancer campaign

LANCASHIRE'S historic County Hall will be lit up with purple lights until the end of November to support the 'Turn it purple' campaign to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

The campaign, run by national charity Pancreatic Cancer Action, calls for organisations and people to highlight the fifth deadliest cancer in the UK by embracing purple, the symbolic colour for pancreatic cancer.

The idea behind the campaign is to help generate discussion and awareness of pancreatic cancer and its symptoms.

In Lancashire, an average of 179 people die from pancreatic cancer every year.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the county council's director of public health, said: "The survival rate from pancreatic cancer is shockingly low. Few people with the disease survive and surgery is the only cure. By the time the disease has been discovered, their life expectancy is only three to six months on average.

"Early diagnosis greatly improves the chance of survival. Some symptoms include stomach or back pain, jaundice and weight loss but it's important to remember that these can be caused by many different health conditions and are not usually the result of cancer. However, if you are concerned or suddenly develop these symptoms, you should contact your GP."

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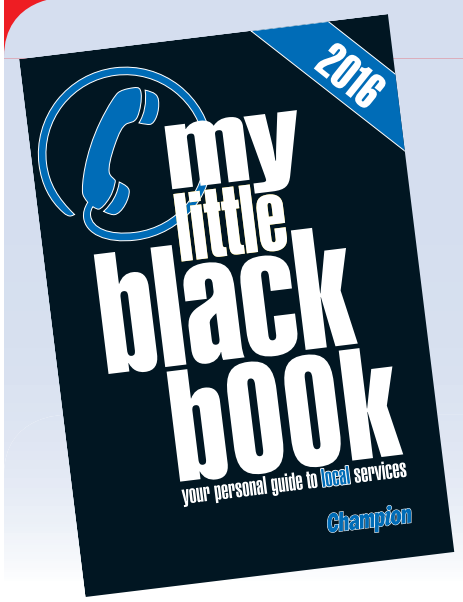

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Baby April mum given suspended prison sentence

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A WOMAN who abandoned her newborn baby after unexpectedly giving birth in a seaside amusement arcade toilet walked free from court.

A judge told Nicola Glover that he accepted she had not intended to kill her infant daughter, April, but pointed out that by abandoning her "you subjected her to the gravest risk.

"It is only due to good fortune and the quick thinking of those who found and revived her that she survived and recovered from her ordeal," said Judge Alan Conrad, QC.

Fortunately the baby was discovered by staff at the arcade in Southport and taken to Ormskirk Hospital where staff named her April.

Sentencing Glover to eight months imprisonment suspended for 18 months with 60 days specified probation activities, Judge Conrad said it was clear that at the time she had been mentally unwell. The baby's father recognised that she needed help, he added.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that after Glover, who had not realised how far pregnant she was, spontaneously gave birth, the baby was left alone for almost two hours in the toilet bowl.

Miraculously her head did not touch the water and when eventually found by chance by cleaning staff she was still alive and quickly recovered from her ordeal.

Thirty–year–old Glover, of Hughes Avenue, Prescot, pleaded guilty to child cruelty. A charge of attempted murder was dropped.

Baby April was found abandoned in an amusement arcade toilet

Glover, who has four other children, has a history of spontaneous birth and the court was told that is what happened on April 16 this year while she was at arcades in Southport with members of her family. She went to a disabled toilet with her three–year–old daughter in a pushchair about 5pm and when she returned some time later "she had blood on her hands and clothing," said Anya Horwood, prosecuting.

The family went for a meal and left the resort by train about 9 pm.

Meanwhile about 6.45 pm staff went to the toilets in Silcock's amusement arcade in Nevill Street and saw blood on the floor tiles and toilet handle and discovered the baby in the toilet bowl.

Assistant manager Wayne Chadwick arrived and he used towels to wrap the baby and rub her back and cleaned her face with a dish towel.

Judge Conrad commended those who helped, particularly Mr Chadwick.

Nicola Taylor, photography

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Christmas Diary 2015

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Vintage & Handmade Fair
Saturday 5 December
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Julia Thompson, Trinket Box

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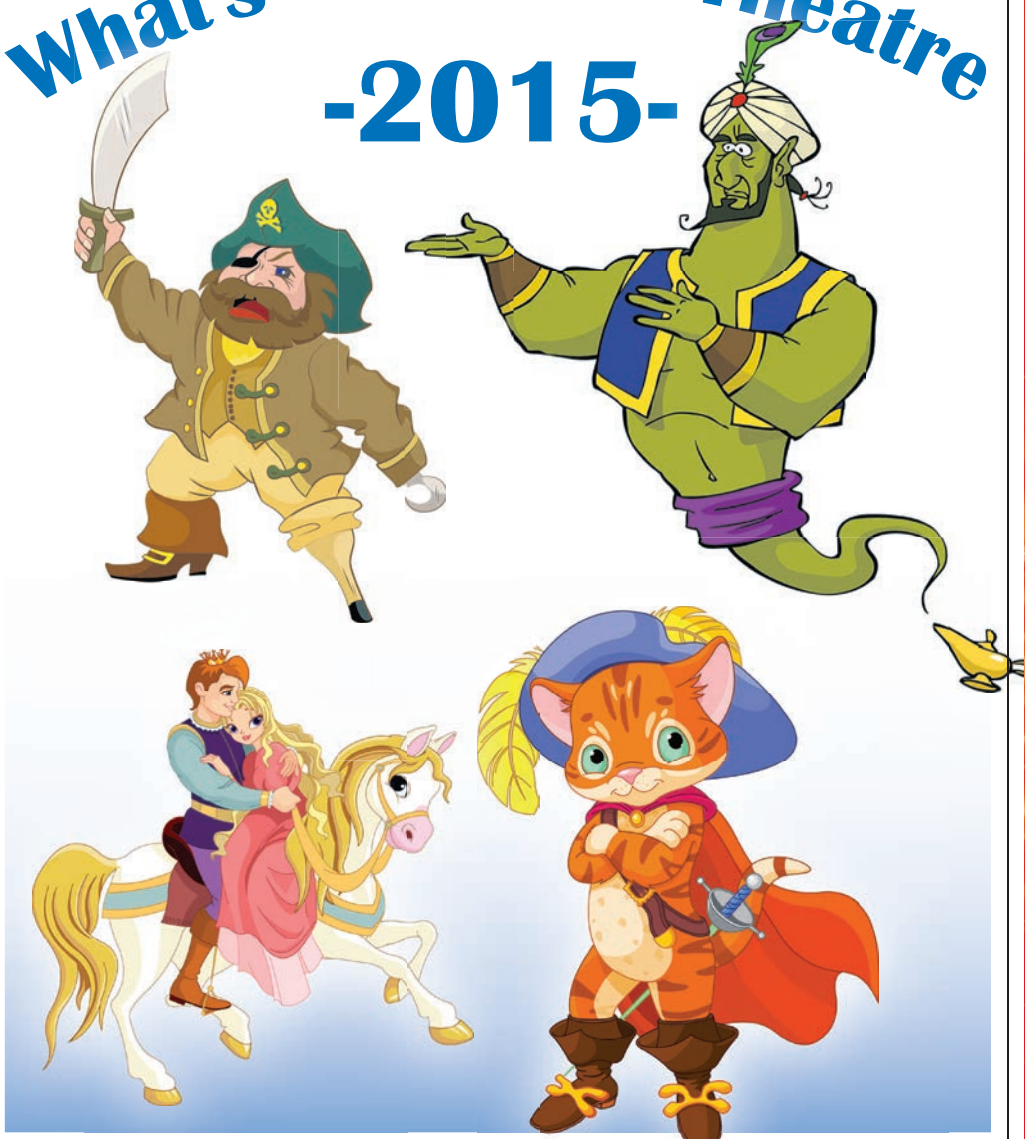

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Ring O'Bells to hold Lancashire Day celebrations

THERE are to be celebrations for Lancashire day at the Ring O' Bells at Lathom this Friday (November 27).

From 7.30pm there will be a concert of Lancashire music poetry and clog dancing.

The concert will be fronted by Mark Dowding and Sid Calderbank collectively known as Tacklers' Tales.

Champion Clog Dancer Alex Fisher will be giving a demonstration of her fantastic clogging steps and various other people will be entertaining through the evening.

The evening is free to get in and the pub will be providing a selection of Lancashire Beers and Hot Pot supper to buy during the night.

Lancashire Day is held on November 27 to mark the day in 1295 when the county first sent representatives to Parliament, to attend King Edward I's Model Parliament.

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Society give classic tale the pantomime treatment

MAWDESLEY Amateur Dramatics Society will be performing their annual pantomime from Thursday, December 3 to Saturday 5.

This year MADS have taken the traditional tale of Rumpelstiltskin and given it the pantomime treatment with a brand new script written by Gareth Preston

The story is set in the peaceful Kingdom of Cheeseboardia. But all is not well in the land as a mysterious goblin has cast an evil spell on the king and queen which has turned the once benevolent rulers into evil tyrants. And when Dame Dolly boasts that her daughter Elizabeth can spin straw into gold the King and Queen imprison her in the tower. When all seems hopeless for Elizabeth, a stranger appears and offers to help her with his magic but on one condition.

Is Elizabeth's fate to be the Goblin's slave? Will love and goodness triumph in the end? How will the heroes break the goblin's evil curse? Who will discover the secret name of the evil goblin?

Rumpelstiltskin the pantomime is a tale of good and evil for all ages with a cow called Maria (who is mistaken for a llama), two dim–witted guards called Grabbit and Sue, the dotty Dame and her sidekick Simple Simon and is told in traditional panto style with song, dance, dialogue and puns, as only MADS do it!

The cast of Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics Society's pantomime

The show runs from Thursday, December 3 to Saturday 5 at 7.30pm in Mawdesley Village Hall (with a Sat matinee show at 2pm). Tickets can be obtained from the Post Office in Mawdesley or by booking online at www.madsociety.co.uk. For more information email mawdesleydrama@yahoo.co.uk

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Jim will be returning this year as Mistress Myrtle and will be accompanied by a cast of over 30 lovable characters – plus a couple of bad guys!

There will be plenty of booing, cheering and laughing. All accompanied by some music including Good Mornin' Good Mornin', Another Brick in the Wall and Life's a Happy Song.

Pleasure Folk are well known for their high–quality shows and Robin Hood aims not to disappoint!

Robin Hood will run from December 2 until December 6 at Ormskirk Civic Hall. Tickets are available from the Civic, online at www.pleasurefolk.co.uk or by calling 01695 580755.

Pleasure Folk are also on the lookout for any boys or men who would like to join them for their production of Oliver next April. For more information email liz@pleasurefolk.co.uk.

Organisers hoping show will hit spot

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This Friday (November 27) at 7.30 pm Aughton Village Hall presents 'Rove' with J Fergus Evans and Rhiannon Armstrong. Described as a "travelling troubadour", Fergus Evans tells his family story, some may be true and some not. It is accompanied by live folk music.

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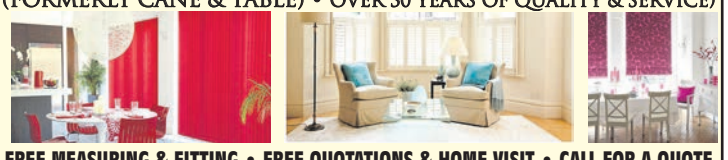

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CLOSING DATE: 1st December 2015

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Grade 5 - £15,987 to £18,816
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The primary role of the Reablement Care Co-ordinator is to input and maintain Webroster, allocate Reablement Workers to services users and to act as a point of contact for staff, service users, families and other professionals reporting any changes in service user circumstances or concerns about their welfare. This will be a busy and at times demanding role.
If are interested in applying but would like to know a little more about the job role then you can contact Lorna Irving, Reablement Manager on 0151 934 4582
CLOSING DATE: 8th December 2015

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Reablement Workers – £7.46 – £7.66 per hour - 25 hour permanent contracts
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RILEY James

31st October 2015

The family of the late Jimmy Riley wish to express their sincere thanks and support for all the prayers, cards and donations received during their recent bereavement. Thanks to all the family and friends, Friends of Thanet, The Lourdes Association and The Rosary Group. Also thanks for the mass at St Francis of Assisi and to Margaret Whitelam and Linda and staff at Skelmersdale Funeral Services for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

WILKINSON Steven

12th November 2015

Suddenly at home aged 44 years.

Much loved Son, Dad, Brother and Uncle will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service will take place at St. Helens Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 3.30pm.

All enquiries: Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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BIRTHDAYS

Stephen David Price

Happy Birthday

Love Always
Mum

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IN MEMORIAM

GRAY JOAN

24th November 2015

IN LOVING MEMORY

It's been 12 long, lonely months since you left us Joan

My eyes still swell and the memories run down my cheeks daily

Miss and love you so very much Joan

Till we all meet again

RIP

Love Joe and family

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DEATHS

KENYON Cliff (B.E.M)

18th November 2015

Passed away suddenly. Aged 70 years.

Loving Husband of Myra. Devoted Dad to Lorna and Christopher, Father-in-law to Gareth and Kate. Cherished Grandad to Abi, Sarah and Niamh and Great Grandad to Tyler. Funeral service at St Cuthberts Church, Halsall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 1st December 2015 followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired are being gratefully received for HDCA (Haskayne and Downholland Community Association. Registered Charity No.512022). For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

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DEATHS

KING JEAN

19th November 2015
Aged 84 years

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital. Beloved wife of 64 years to George. Loving mother to Elaine, Lorna and Catherine and a much loved Nan and Great Nan. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd December at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for The British Heart Foundation and The Salvation Army. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone 01704 500086.

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BIRTHDAYS

Jade Cowell

25th November 2015

Happy 18th Birthday

Miss you loads
Dad
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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

McClelland Raymond Peter Shearin

26th November 1962 - 29th January 2004

Another birthday gone slowly by,
You left us all with no time to say goodbye.

You are missed every day
Raymond

Mum, Dad, Daughter, Two Grandsons, Brothers and Sisters, Nieces and Nephews

R.I.P Son

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DEATHS

McRAE MARJORIE

14th November 2015

Passed away suddenly at home

Loving Wife of Alex (deceased) and Mother of Paul & Sue. Hilarious Nanna to Charlotte, Natalie & Ben. Sister to Jim.

She had lead a full life with Alex and they had amassed many good friends over their 53 years together.

She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by so many.

Thanks to all for your kind wishes and support. We would also like to extend an extra special thanks to Richard & Meg Page who have gone over and above their duty as neighbours to Mum & Dad for many years.

Family flowers only please – donations gratefully received on behalf of St Josephs Jospice, Thornton.

Service to be held at St Lukes Church Formby at 11am 30th November.

The funeral will be directed by Graham J Clegg, Dover Road Maghull.

Paul & Lisa, Sue & Mark would like to thank you all.

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.
This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. **MM**

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

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This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

MM

PRAYER

PRAYER TO ST JUDE

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(SANDY LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Sandy Lane, Lathom from its junction with Dark Lane to a point outside Sandiholme, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

Dark Lane – Lathom Lane – Sandy Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 30th November 2015 until 1530 hours on Friday 11th December 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/494/HD]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/1181/FUL Erection of an agricultural building, replacing existing which has planning permission for conversion to dwelling at Gornalls Farm, Sandy Lane, Holmeswood.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/1065/FUL First floor extension above existing garage and new sloping roof over bay window and door on front elevation at 10 Smithy Lane, Aughton.

Application No: 2015/1129/FUL Conversion of vacant level 2 into shared accommodation for residential purposes accessed from a two storey extension to rear elevation and an external staircase at Blue Juice And Java, 19A Church Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2015/1149/FUL Full planning application for the demolition of single-storey building and erection of three-storey university building. Amendments to the vehicular and pedestrian access to the university campus from Ruff Lane and associated landscaping works at Mathematics Block, Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2015/1163/FUL Change of use of land to contract car parking at Land To The East Of The Arches, Station Approach, Burscough.

Application No: 2015/1175/FUL Erection of single storey extension to front of existing dwelling at 4 Summerwood Lane, Halsall.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Bridge Street for a distance of 10 metres either side of the Bridge Street, Railway Bridge, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Bridge Street - Chapel Street - Small Lane - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Park Road - B519 - Aughton Street - Bridge Street and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable urgent repairs to the Railway Bridge to be undertaken.

The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Monday 7th December 2015, until 1600 hours on Friday 29th January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: 15/1016/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CARR HOUSE LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Carr House Lane, Wrightington from its junction with Chisnall Lane for a distance of 40 meters heading in a south direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

Carr House Lane – B5250 Wood Lane – Withington Lane – Chisnall Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to complete some essential overhead line tree cutting maintenance.

The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1600 hours on Monday 30th November 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/541/HD]

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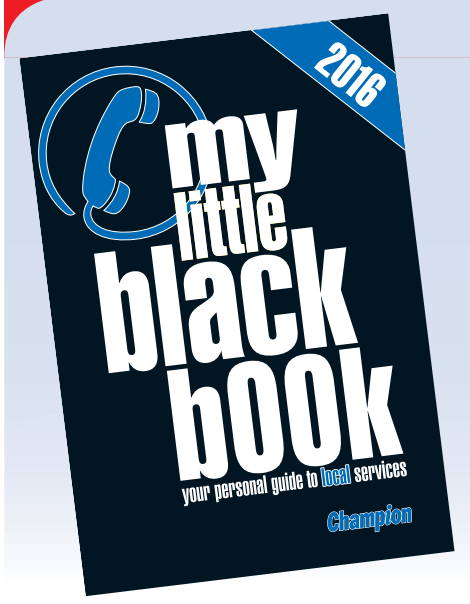

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Yet that's exactly what I – and about 30 of my classmates – got asked to as a school project once. Having listened to our views, the council boffins went off – and then ordered the pier buildings to replaced with what I recall being described at the time as an 'airport terminal on stilts'.

I was thinking about this the other day when driving around in something else that had the difficult task of following up a decades–old institution – the second generation Range Rover.

It arrives in the dock charged with two counts of not being a proper Range Rover – one that it looks like a Metrocab and the other that it's horrendously unreliable.

It's tricky to defend the latter because I remember the car's Achille's heel – the complicated air suspension system – letting go on a friend's 4.0 SE a couple of years ago and prompting a four–figure bill. Yet look back at its showings in the customer satisfaction surveys and you'll find it was just as bad as Land Rover's other offerings at the time – certainly, Discovery owners were equally frustrated. The Range Rover's come on in leaps and bounds since the 1990s – but so have plenty of other cars.

But get past that – and the looks, and you'll discover it feels like a Range Rover.

All the Range Rovers I've driven over the years – from a 1970 two–door to the 500bhp leviathan that tops today's range – give you this wonderful feeling of being slightly invincible. You feel secure knowing that even if your alloys are six inches deep in thick mud you'll power out of it effortlessly.

The second–gen Range Rover does all of that. Yes, it's thirsty, but so is every other big off–roader, and because people dismiss the 'bad' Range Rover it's a lot cheaper than its predecessor.

As second acts go it was brilliant. Although not as brilliant as my redesign of Southport Pier.

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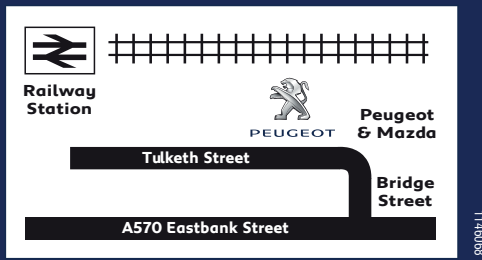

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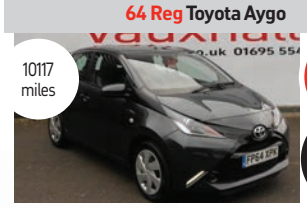

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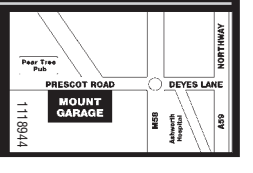

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Linnets triumph in eventful clash

Mossley 2 Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH produced an impressive away performance in difficult conditions to come away with this narrow victory over rivals Mossley in an eventful clash.

The win takes the Linnets up to 10th place in the Evo–Stick First Division North, just a point behind Mossley but with four games in hand.

Saturday's success was achieved courtesy of a brace of penalties by skipper Paul Williams and a strike by Karl Noon, although the visitors' cause was helped by the home side's lack of discipline which saw them reduced to nine men by the finish after two players received straight red cards in the second half.

It was Mossley though who opened the scoring on 14 minutes when Scott Kay floated in an inviting corner kick which was headed home by Tom Dean. Sam Robinson thought he had doubled the lead shortly after only to see his effort ruled out after being caught narrowly offiside.

Burscough got back on level terms in the 27th minute. Michael Monaghan went down under a challenge in the box with the referee pointing to the spot and skipper Paul Williams stepped up to convert.

Mossley thought they had scored again when Mike Fish burst through only to see his seemingly goal–bound effort come back off the inside of the post, while his effort from the rebound was blocked on the line.

Burscough were then awarded another penalty when Will Jones' powerful drive struck Mike Thomas on the arm and Williams gratefully slotted home his second spot kick of the game.

Six minutes into the second half Burscough made it 1–3, Karl Noon sliding home a precise finish. And when McGonigle was given a straight red shortly after for a robust challenge in the middle of the pitch the Linnets looked home and dry.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Mossley continued to press and substitutes Mitch Bryant and Dougie Carroll combined for the latter to stroke the ball home from 10 yards on 72 minutes.

But with Mossley now pushing for an equaliser Bryant then got involved in a needless off–the–ball incident and he too was shown a straight red and Burscough were able to hold on for the three points.

Sparse home crowd see defeat of The Spartans

Skelmersdale United 2
Blyth Spartans 1

AFTER going a goal down inside nine minutes, Skem fought back playing some excellent flowing football and turned the score into a 2–1 advantage by the 34th minute.

Spartans bagged the opening goal when Andy Cartwright was put away at pace down the wing but instead of taking the ball to the line he sent an early curving ball low behind the home back four, Michael Richardson got to it first and directed a shot past Fearon into the net from eight yards out.

Skelmersdale went on the offensive and in the 21st minute Blackburn Rovers loanee Luke Wall had a good effort deflected for a corner.

Three minutes later Ged Kinsella saw his skimming shot pushed around the far post by Blyth's German goalkeeper Fabian Otte.

The first corner was put back out for a repeat, but from Kenny Strickland's next flag kick, Tony Rendell got above everyone to head home from the edge of the six yard box.

Kinsella tormented Blyth and on 34 minutes he got his reward via a wonderful finish when Rendell intercepted a loose pass and found Staunton–Turner who fed the ball to Kinsella, and he created an angle before lifting a looping ball over Otte and into the net behind him from 20 yards.

The energetic Chris Almond almost made it three on 37 minutes.

After the break Skeme came within fractions of a third goal when Kinsella stretched but couldn't get a crucial touch to a Tom Ince ball across the face of goal.

Matthew Wade put a shot over the Skem crossbar just before the hour, after latching onto a rebound, then down the other end Otte fumbled an Ossie Abadaki ball but recovered just before Ince could punish him.

Blyth introduced three substitutes but Skem limited Blyth's scoring attempts to long range efforts.

It was a great performance from Skelmersdale, and it was a pity it was only watched by a crowd of 248, many from Blyth.

Those fickle Skem people missed out on a game that was a pleasure to watch.

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Lawson hopes to snatch Trophy tie from Magpies

Tommy Lawson.

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson fancies his chances for Saturday's FA Trophy tie at Vanarama League North Chorley.

On paper the Magpies will be the bookmakers favourite for victory, but when you listen to what Tommy has to say about the game, his confidence is certainly very persuasive.

Lawson said: "Chorley are expected to win; they are from a higher division and have home advantage on a pitch they are used to, so the pressure is on them to deliver.

"But historically we have done well against them. We are on a winning run, we have beaten Hyde away and Lincoln at home in this competition already this month and Saturday's win over Blyth Spartans was absolutely out of the top drawer.

"Last Saturday Chorley were 2–1 up and lost 4–2 in the end, that will leave a thought at the back of their minds plus I don't think they are quite the force they were last season and their present league position appears to back that up.

"The manager who took them through the leagues has moved up in the club and left his assistant in charge.

"The playing squad in the main hasn't altered for a couple of years, so we know the personnel they will use, we know the formation they will play and we know their style of play.

"It all makes you wonder whether they have gone as far as they want to go as a club.

"I think it all points to a team who are ripe for picking by an in form team from a league below them and I think there is every chance we can do just that."

Skelmersdale are certainly on top form.

Since the win at Hyde in an FA Trophy replay early this month they have comfortably seen off a decent Lincoln United side 4–2 at Stormy Corner in the next round before Saturday's magnificent performance against the then league leaders Blyth Spartans.

If there is a result at Victory Park on Saturday, Skelmersdale will play Bootle away in the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup on Tuesday, December 1.

The next home game at Stormy Corner is scheduled to see Whitby Town make the long trip from East Yorkshire on Saturday, December 5.

Richmond denied three times by woodwork

Askham United 0 Burscough
Richmond 0

RICHMOND were denied all three points by the woodwork and a man of the match performance by the hosts' goalkeeper.

Lee Jones hit the woodwork early on when a goal from the striker would have given the forwards confidence.

Askham came close, the ball running along the Richmond goal line, but with no player near enough to convert the chance.

Several more chances went begging for Richmond in the first half and Barrie brought a good save from the keeper when in a one on one situation.

James Hanson and Mike Galliers both squandered chances.

The second half started much as the first had finished, and when Richmond were award a free kick 25 yards out from goal, Mike Galliers thought he'd done enough to score only to see Poslethwaite get the slightest of a touches on the ball and force the shot onto the bar.

Five minutes later Galliers was again unlucky when Richmond were awarded a second free kick, this time his shot beating the keeper, the ball striking the foot of the goal post, then deflecting across the goal line.

Askham played some good football in the second period but Richmond agve them a tougher timethan many teams.

Richmond host Hawcoat Park another Barrow side, on Saturday for a 2pm kick–off.

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